



The Secret Life of Walter Mitty – Message 4

Announcements

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Warm-up

If you could travel *anywhere* in the world, and see *anything*, what would you see?

Today we're going to be discussing *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* the final message in our series *God at The Movies*. Let's see what we can discover together today!

Word and Application

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty is about a guy with a vivid imagination named Walter Mitty who works for *Life* magazine as a photograph developer. Even though he has seen breathtaking pictures from all over the world, he has never seen these things himself – he's just going through the motions.

1. Going through the motions

There's a lesson for all of us in this – if we're not careful, we can end up going through the motions, but missing out on the amazing moments of life that God wants us to experience. Why do you think we sometimes get caught in a routine of going through the motions?

2. Obstacles become opportunities

Another theme that we see throughout the movie is how Walter's obstacles become opportunities for him to discover his destiny. On his quest to find the lost negative, he has to step out of his comfort zone, overcome his past hurts, and get on a plane to fly to the

other side of the world! Maybe you can relate to Walter, maybe there are things in your past that you have to overcome in order to move forward today.

Read 1 Corinthians 2:9

God has awesome things prepared for us to experience. What are some things that may be keeping you from these experiences? What do you think are some of these experiences that God wants you to have? How can staying in a “safe” place keep you from experiencing all that God has prepared for your life?

Read Genesis 12:1-3

As Walter’s unintentional adventure continues his story seems very similar to the story of Abraham in Bible. Both men are ordinary people who step out of their comfort zones, and discover their purpose in the process. Why do you think this passage in Genesis is often viewed as one of the most important passages in all of Scripture?

The first part of stepping out of your comfort zone is learning to say “yes” to God. Share a time when you stepped out of your comfort zones and said, “yes” to God? How did you draw strength and confidence from God throughout the process?

Read Hebrews 11:8, Psalm 119:105

Sometimes we don’t see the full picture. Sometimes we just have to trust God. His word is a lamp to our feet – not a floodlight. A lantern only shows us the next steps. In order to see more of the path that God has us on, we have to keep moving. To a degree, it takes faith (trust in God) and courage to move forward.

What is the next step that God is telling you to take?

Read John 10:10

We do have an enemy that wants to steal our joy, confidence, and peace. What are other things the enemy tries to take from us?

The good news is we have a God who has amazing plans for our lives. Since we’ve experienced past disappointments and failures in our lives, we tend to have issues trusting God. However, this is where we have to remind ourselves that God has our best interests in mind, and that He sees the full picture. Indeed, He sees the end from the beginning and He is calling us from where we are, to where we were created to be.

Spend time alone with God this week using the following steps:

1. Lord, reveal any areas in my life in which I am just going through the motions.
2. What obstacles, disappointments or comfort zones are preventing me from experience your best for me?
3. Commit your trust to God in each of those areas.
4. Ask the Lord to reveal your next step then walk in obedience.
5. Thank him for the journeys that He has us on.

Prayer

Pray for specific needs of the group.